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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. B. E. Morriss
Deputy Manager
National Communications System

SUBJECT: National Communications System's Directive 2-2
"National Level NSEP Telecommunications Program
Funding"

1. This is to formally advise you of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) rationale for supporting the Council of Representatives vote on 24 February which approved the forwarding of National Communications System (NCS) Directive 2-2 to the Committee of Principals (COP).

2. We view NCS Directive 2-2 to be one of the more important documents which will be issued under the new system. Accordingly, guidance was sought from our Comptroller and Legal Staffs concerning the language of the document and its associated Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). It remains our belief that Directive 2-2 should contain language reflecting that only those National Level Program (NLP) funds receiving specific Congressional approval will be transferred to the NCS. Without this provision, other equally important NCS member agency programs may be placed in jeopardy. We are also convinced that these NLP programs will be difficult to review by the Congress in their proposed fragmented form.

3. Having stated the above, CIA is prepared to accept the language in section 8(c) of Directive 2-2 with the understanding that any issuance is binding on the CIA only to the extent that it does not conflict with CIA authority. Under Section 502 of the National Security Act, CIA and other Intelligence Community agencies are empowered to spend funds that have been "specifically authorized and appropriated." Therefore, the CIA will read the language of section 8(c) "authorized and appropriated" as "specifically authorized and appropriated," and will include same in the MOA.

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4. The above issues have been discussed with Mr. Randy MacPherson and Ms. Karen Saifer of the NCS. Should there be any question regarding CIA's position on NCS Directive 2-2, please contact me prior to the COP meeting on 26 March.

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Director of Communications

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